

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation – Bye – Laws on Animal Birth (Control) (Dogs) of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation – 2009 – sanction accorded – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (F2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 423

Dated: 06.07.2009
Read the following :-

1. From the High Court of A.P., Hyderabad Order dated 03.04.2007 in taken up W.P.No.6708 of 2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.661, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (F2) Department, dated 29.05.2007.
3. Government Memo.No.6647/F2/2007-1, dated 02.08.2007
4. From the Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad letter No.477/VET/GHMC/2009, dated 30.08.2007
5. From the Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad letter No.42/VET/GHMC/2009, dated 05.03.2009.

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ORDER :

In the reference first read above, the Hon'ble High Court in its interim orders in taken up W.P.No.6708/07, dated 05.04.2007 observed that the Court appreciated the steps initiated by the Government and the officers of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation to check the dog menace. The High Court in its subsequent order dated 20.04.2007 directed the State Government and the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad to take immediate steps for framing the bye-laws to deal with the menace of stray cattles of all categories.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have constituted a Committee to frame Bye-Laws and submit to the Government.
3. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad has furnished draft Bye-Laws for approval of the Government.
4. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad has informed that the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has prepared the draft Bye-Laws on Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, 2007 and the same was published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette No.51, dated 20.12.2007 besides publishing the public notice, dated 15.02.2008 in Deccan Chronicle, Eenadu, Siyasath daily news papers inviting the objections and suggestions from the general public within (30) days from the date of its publication.
5. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has received following suggestions and objections from the canine breeders :

Objection:

- 1) Prescribed tax of Rs.1,000/- per annum per breeding dog after the dog attains the age of (6) months raised by Sri M.Mansoor Ali Khan, Banjara Hills.
- 2) Prescribed tax of Rs.1,000/- per annum per breeding dog, raised by Canine Breeders Welfare Association.

Suggestions :

- 1) Consider at least two persons from their associations in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Animal Welfare Committee.
6. The Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad has stated that the Committee constituted for preparation of Bye Laws has rejected the above objections and suggestions.

7. The Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad has, therefore, furnished the draft Bye-Laws on Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, 2009 for approval.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have accepted the "Bye-Laws on Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, 2009". Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred under section 589 of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, Government hereby accord sanction for the "Bye-Laws on Animal Birth (Control) (Dogs) of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, 2009" as appended in the Annexure to this order and the same shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

9. The Commissioner and Special Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NEME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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EX. OFFICIO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery
and Stores Purchase, Chanchalguda,
Hyderabad with a request to publish
in A.P.Gazette and furnish 100 copies
to Government and 1000 copies to the
Commissioner and Special Officer,
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation,
Hyderabad.

The Commissioner and Special Officer,
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation,
Hyderabad

The District Collector, Hyderabad / R.R.Dist./Medak District.

Copy to:

The Director, Animal Husbandary Department.

The Government Pleader, High Court of A.P., Hyd.

The P.S. to Minister (MA&UD)

The Law (A) Department.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE

ANIMAL

BIRTH (CONTROL) (DOGS) Bye Laws OF GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – 2009

(Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960)

1. Short Title extent and Commencement.

- 1) These bye-laws may be called the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Animal Birth (Control) (Dogs) bye laws, 2009.
- 2) They shall apply to the entire area within the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.
- 3) These bye laws shall be supplement to Sections 248,249,250,251 and 252 of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act 1955.

2. Definition. :

In these bye-laws, unless the context requires.

- (a) “Act” means the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
- (b) “Animal Welfare Organization” means and includes the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and other welfare organization like, Blue Cross of Hyderabad and Peoples for Animals Hyderabad (NGO) which are registered under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2001 or any other Corresponding law for the time being in force.
- (c) “Board” means Animals Welfare Board functioning in the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation if any.
- (d) “Committee” means a Committee appointed by Government of Andhra Pradesh in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (e) “Local Authority” means Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation headed by its Commissioner and Municipal Committees under control with in a specified local area of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (f) “Owner” means the owner of an animal and includes any other person in possession or custody of such animals with or without the Consent of the owner.
- (g) “Veterinary Doctor” means a person who holds a degree of recognized Veterinary College and is registered with the Andhra Pradesh State Veterinary Council.

3. Classification of dogs and their Sterilization.

- (a) All dogs shall be classified in one of the following Three Categories (i) Pet dogs (ii) Street dogs (iii) Breeders
- (b) The Owners of pet dogs shall be responsible for the controlled breeding, immunization sterilization and licensing in accordance with these bye laws and any other law for the time being in force within the specified local area falling in the jurisdiction of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (c) The street dogs shall be sterlised and immunized by methods currently approved by Animal Welfare Board of India by participation of Animal Welfare Organisation, recognized by Animal Welfare Board of India, by Veterinarians and Veterinary Officers attached to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation certified by the committee. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation may also seek the cooperation of Animal Husbandry Department to render assistance by deputing at least two (2) Veterinary Assistant Surgeons for a reasonable period as and when their services are needed by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (i) Pet dogs are dogs/ bitches kept within owners premises with a responsible caretaker.

(ii) Street dogs are those dogs/ bitches homeless on the street or supported by communities.

(iii) Breeding dogs are those dogs/ bitches belonging to breeders for the specific purpose of breeding, which are not sterilized within one year of age.

4. Formation of Committee Government shall appoint a Committee with the following:

- (a) Additional Commissioner (Health & Sanitation), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation who shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee.
- (b) Chief Veterinary Officer of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (Member Secretary).
- (c) A representative from Public Health Department from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (d) A representative Veterinary of from Non Government Organisation of Hyderabad (Blue Cross & People for Animals)
- (e) A Veterinary Doctor of dog squad of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (f) A Veterinary Assistant Surgeon nominated by Animal Husbandry Department.

5. General functions of the Committee.

The Committee may in its bi-monthly meeting as and when called by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation to review and issue instructions.

- (a) On catching, transportation, sheltering, sterilisation, vaccination, treatment and release of sterilised, vaccinated or treated dogs.
- (b) Create public awareness solicit cooperation and funding.
- (c) Provide guidelines to pet dogs owners and commercial breeders.
- (d) To take such steps for monitoring the dog bite cases, ascertain the reasons of dog bite in areas where it took place falling in the jurisdiction of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and whether it was from a stray or pet dog.
- (e) Authorize Veterinary Doctor to decide on case-to-case basis the need to put to sleep critically ill or fatally injured or Rabid dogs in a painless method by using Sodium Pentathol. But any other method is strictly prohibited. In such cases the Chief Veterinary Officer and the Veterinarian of Non Government Organisation should be consulted. This needs to be done as a last remedy and not by haste.
- (f) Setting up of Animal Birth Control program centers in the various municipalities of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation with the help of the Veterinarians from Non Government Organisation's the Animal Husbandry Department.
- (g) To recruit and appoint sterilization and immunization teams.
- (h) To appoint monitoring team to report the progress.
- (i) To issue timely certification and de-recognition to teams performing stray animal control.
- (j) Setting up of Veterinary Public Health laboratory for screening of vaccinated dog blood samples for health and titers against ARV to check for effectiveness of vaccination programs.

6. Obligation of the Local Authority i.e., Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

- (1) The local authorities here it means of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and Municipalities falling in its jurisdiction. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation shall provide.

- (a) Establishment of a sufficient number, ie at least one per zone, of Veterinary Hospitals, dog pounds for impounded dogs, camp sites for sterilization and immunization which may be managed by Animal Welfare Organisation / Non Government Organisation recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India having qualified Veterinarians to conduct the project.
- (b) Requisite number of dog vans with ramps for the capture and transportation of street dogs.
- (c) One driver and two to three dogcatchers to be provided for each dog van keeping in view the number of Municipalities merged in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (d) One Ambulance cum Clinical Van to serve as mobile centre for sterilisation and immunization.
- (e) Incinerators to be installed by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation for disposal of carcasses.
- (f) Periodic repair of shelter or pound.

(2) To control street dog population, it shall be incumbent on Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation to sterilize and immunize street dog population with the participation of Animal Welfare Organization / Non Government Organisation and private individuals. As far as possible needed help and assistance should be taken from Animal Husbandry Department.

7. Capturing / Sterilization / immunization / release.

- (1) Capturing of dogs within the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation shall be based on strategic and planned, methods in all localities.
- (2) Sterilization and immunization should be conducted through Catching Neutering Vaccine Releasing or Animal Birth Control / Anti Rabies or other approved techniques in all localities in camps.
- (3) The dog capturing squad shall consist of
 - (i) The driver of the dog van.
 - (ii) Two or more trained employees of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation .
 - (iii) One representative of Non Government Organisation or Animal Welfare Organisation.
 - (iv) The Veterinary Officer of dog squad shall supervise the work.
 - (v) Over all supervision by the Chief Veterinary Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.
- (4) The squad shall visit planned areas to capture the dogs. All the dogs caught will be tagged for identification purpose and released in the same area after sterilisation and vaccination. Such record of dog capture shall be maintained in a Register with due mention of area locality, date and time of capture, names of persons in the dog squad on that particular day and details about dogs captured such as number of males, female dogs, number of puppies etc.,
- (5) The dogs shall be captured by using humane methods such as net loop and stick method under supervision or any method approved by Animal Welfare Board of India.
- (6) Where the dogs are being captured in any locality the dog squad from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation or Non Government organisation accompanying the dog squad will make announcement on a public address that dogs captured from the area for the purpose of sterilization and immunization will be released in the same area for community safety.
- (7) The captured dogs shall be brought to the Veterinary Hospital, camp site / dog pounds managed by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation or by any Animal Welfare Organisation recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India, which shall be examined by the Veterinarian and healthy & sick

dogs shall be segregated. Sick dogs to be rendered proper treatment in the hospitals run by Animal Husbandry Department in the area. Only after they are treated will they be sterilised & vaccinated under the supervision of Veterinarian of the hospital. After necessary follow up the dogs shall be released in the same area or locality from where they were caught making entries of such release.

- (8) At a time one lot of dogs shall be brought for sterilisation, immunization to Veterinary Hospital, camp site or dog pound and these dogs shall be from one locality. Two lots from different areas or localities shall not be mixed at the same dog pound or camp.
- (9) The dog kennel must have sufficient space for proper housing and movement of dogs with proper ventilation and natural lighting.
- (10) Female dogs found to be pregnant shall not undergo abortion and sterilization and should be released till they have litter.
- (11) All healthy animals above 3 months of age and 5kgs of weight must be sterilized unless licensed to breed.
- (12) Revaccination of stray dogs using Vaccine / oral vaccine through baits in the various municipal limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

8) Identification and Recording:

Sterilized dogs shall be vaccinated before release and the ears of these dogs should either be clipped and / or notched for being identified as sterilized or immunized dogs. In addition the dogs may be given token or nylon collars for identification and details & records of such dogs shall be maintained.

9) Dog bite complaint Cell

- (a) Specific complaints about dog bites to Dog Complaint Cell / Chief Veterinary Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation who will receive & register complaints about dog aggression, dog bites and information about Rabid dogs.
- (b) On receipt of complaints the details such as name of the complainant, his complete address, date and time of complaint, nature of complaint shall be recorded in a register to be maintained in Veterinary Section of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. It shall contain details of Action taken on each case.
- (c) On receipt of specific complaint or for capturing dogs in normal course the squad shall visit concerned area, capture the dogs identified by the complainant. In case of general capturing all the dogs caught will be tagged for identification purpose and to see all the dogs are released in the same area after sterilisation and vaccination. Such record of dog capture shall be maintained in a Register with due mention of area / locality, date and time of capture, names of persons in the dog squad on that particular day and details about dogs Captured such a number of males, female dogs, No. of puppies etc.,
- (d) The dogs shall be captured by using humane methods such as the case need be.
- (e) Sick dogs: The captured dogs shall be brought to the dog pounds managed by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation or by any Animal Welfare Organisation, which shall be examined by the Veterinarian and examined for suspected Rabies and other diseases. Dogs suffering with other diseases will be sent to animal shelters for treatment and Animal Birth Control / Anti Rabies.

10. Suspected rabid dogs:

- (a) The suspected rabid dog would then be taken to the pound where it would be isolated in a Rabies isolation ward.
- (b) The suspected dogs would then be subjected to inspection by two persons.
 - (i) A Veterinary Officer from dog Squad.

- (ii) Registered Veterinarian of Any Non Government Organisation from of Hyderabad.
- (iii) If the dog is found to have a high probability of having Rabies it would be isolated till it dies a natural death. Death normally occurs within (10) days of contracting Rabies.
- (iv) If the dog is found not to have Rabies but some other disease it would be handed over to Non Government Organisation to rehabilitate the dogs.
- (v) Dead dogs will be examined to confirm Rabies and if so the proper mapping should be followed. Mapping is the complete case history and findings of the Rabies Cell regarding the particular animal.
- (vi) On confirmation of the Rabies Cell formatted information form will be circulated to all concerned authorities.

11) Euthanasia of street dogs:

Incurably ill, ferocious and mortally wounded dogs as diagnosed by a qualified Veterinarian from Veterinary Section of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, recommended by the Committee shall be authorized during specified hours in a humane manner by administering Sodium Pentathol for adult dogs and Thiopental intraperitoneal for puppies by a qualified Veterinarian. But no dog shall be euthanised in the presence of another dog.

12) Disposal of Carcasses:

The Carcasses of such euthanised dogs shall be disposed off in an incinerator to be arranged by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

13) Guidelines for Dog owners:

- (1) Pet dogs:- Compulsory registration of all pet dogs. A registration fee of Rs. 50/- per dog to be charged annually per dog for non-breeder dogs.
- (2) Breeding dogs:- A breeder must be registered with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation by paying the prescribed Tax of Rs 1000/- per annum per dog after the dog attains the age of (6) months.
 - (a) Breeder must maintain full record of number of pups born /died from individual bitches.
 - (b) Breeder must maintain record of the person buying the pups.
 - (c) Vaccination and health records of individual animals.

14) Application of Rules where local bye-laws / Acts exist:

The provision contained in sections 248, 249, 250, 251 & 252 of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 suo moto will apply as a part of these bye-laws unless any provision of Act is amended or omitted.

15) Other Provision:

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation shall take utmost care to avoid recurrence of dog bite in the limits of the Corporation to the extent possible taking all preventive measures with the cooperation of Animal Welfare Organisation, public and Animal Husbandry Dept. The dog bite cases shall be referred to the Institute of Preventive Medicines and other Government Hospitals for treatment.

16) Government power to cancel Bye Laws etc:-

Government reserves the right to cancel, modify or add any provision in the bye-laws at any point of time.